

Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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re: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing
and handling of food."

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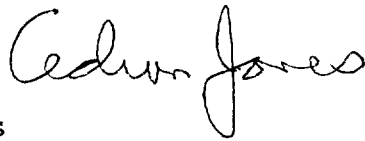
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Dear Food and Drug Administration

I am writing about labeling foods that have been irradiated. I don't care how safe you and your corporate bedfellows claim they are; I want to know what has been irradiated and what has not. So please (1) keep the labeling requirement for irradiated foods in place indefinitely; (2) keep the word "irradiated" and that special symbol in the requirement; (3) make the label a minimum size (like this print) so that us older folks can read it; and (4) make it apply to any and all products that contain irradiated food.

This whole scam to do away with labeling is just like that USDA scam to label all kinds of junk as "organic". I wish you people would do something to actually serve us citizens instead of just making things more profitable for corporations. About the only meaningful vote we have any more is with our pocketbooks, and we can't exercise that vote in a meaningful way if you (and the USDA and other federal bureaucracies) deny us access to the information we need.

Sincerely,



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